

ST. MARY'S COUNTY 2003 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Number of Farms</i>	673	658	577
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	115	109	118
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	77,491	71,920	68,153

<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Cattle</i>	4,596	5,467	4,636
<i>Hogs</i>	18,042	9,628	2,321
<i>Sheep</i>	194	322	641

<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			12,196
<i>Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			3,539
<i>Tobacco (\$1,000)</i>			1,676
<i>Vegetables (\$1,000)</i>			1,612

<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> ³	<i>2002</i>
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	52.5	53.7	54.3
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	5.8	7.9	11.8

<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			620
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			2,710
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$7,540,000

<i>Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	16	<i>Soybeans</i>	11
<i>Barley</i>	10	<i>Vegetables</i>	11
<i>Forage</i>	10	<i>Wheat</i>	10

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	10	<i>Milk Cows</i>	14
<i>Broilers</i>	14	<i>Sheep</i>	11
<i>Hogs</i>	8		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	9,000	133.2	1,199,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	9,100	50.8	462,100
	<i>2003</i>	8,200	109.8	900,000
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	800	13.8	11,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	600	14.2	8,500
	<i>2003</i>	*	*	*
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	17,600	38.0	669,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	16,200	14.5	234,900
	<i>2003</i>	15,400	32.9	506,100
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	4,800	59.0	283,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	5,300	63.4	336,100
	<i>2003</i>	5,300	38.7	205,000
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	9,000	2.1	18,500
	<i>2002</i> ³	5,500	1.8	9,800
	<i>2003</i>	4,300	2.0	8,700
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i> ³	1,200	72.1	86,500
	<i>2002</i> ³	1,200	76.3	91,600
	<i>2003</i>	1,000	59.4	59,400

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* Acreage too small to publish.

	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$30.69	\$34.08	\$30.00

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